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The weather was just too good for UVic's 12th annual convocation on May 31. There was no wind, no clouds, only sweltering heat. While the more than 500 graduates, faculty members and dignitaries sat with dignified forbearance while they roasted in their heavy robes throughout the two and one-half hour ceremony, the crowd of 3,200 spectators were able to defend themselves against the heat. Early in the ceremony, many of them resorted to putting programmes or newspapers or bags on their heads. Later on they began to retreat under trees, and into the MacLaurin Building where long line-ups formed at the cold drink dispensers. Some of those who stayed in the sun took the opportunity to sunbathe.

(Bryan McGill Photo)

VICE-PRESIDENT POLL

Faculty members at large are being polled on whether they find Dean of Education K.G. Pedersen acceptable as UVic's next vice-president.

Dean Pedersen has been recommended as the man for the job by the nominating committee for vice-president under the chairmanship of President Howard Petch.

The ballot, which allows for a vote of "acceptable" or "unacceptable", was sent out last week. Deadline for return is July 8.

If he is approved, Dean Pedersen would succeed Dr. S.A. Jennings, 59, whose two-year term expires June 30. Dr. Jennings will resume his responsibilities as Dean of Graduate Studies, the term of which expires in 1977.

Dean Pedersen would step down as head of the Education Faculty for a five-year term as vice-president.

The office of the vice-president has changed under an administrative reorganization initiated by the president since

he took office in January. "It is a significantly heavier position than it was a year ago," Dr. Petch said.

Where it used to be more a staff position, it is now an administrative line job. For instance, the deans now report through the vice-president to the president.

Dr. Petch said that the external referees consulted by the faculty advisory committee regarding promotion for Dr. Pedersen were "glowing in their recommendations".

Dr. Pedersen, 44, came to UVic in 1972 to head the Faculty of Education after he was associate director, Midwest Administration Centre, Graduate School of Education, the University of Chicago, between 1970 and 1972. At the same time, he was assistant professor at the University of Chicago's Department of Education.

In 1968-70, he was an assistant professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and the University of Toronto. In 1965-68, he was at the

University of Chicago as a staff associate, teaching intern, and then as an assistant professor. He also gained his Doctor of Philosophy there in 1969 in educational administration and economics of education.

In 1952, he started his career as an elementary teacher, later holding vice-principal and principal posts in the same school district until he went to Chicago.

The nominating committee is made up of faculty and students. Members are Drs. D.J. Chabassol (Education), Alfred Fischer (Chemistry), Arthur Kratzmann (Education), George Corwin (Music), D.L. Jeffrey (English), Professor J.-P. Vinay, Dean of Arts and Science, Professor R.I. Cheffins (Law), graduate student Lavinia Greenwood, Alma Mater Society President Clayton Shold, and Susan Wetmore, third-year Arts and Science student.

LOCKER SERVICE EXTENDED

The locker and towel service for the summer months will be extended until August 22 for a service charge of \$1, David Titterton, McKinnon Building manager, has announced.

Mr. Titterton, said users may retain their original lockers under the new plan. "However, all lockers that have not been either vacated or renewed by June 15 will be emptied and deposits forfeited."

All lockers must be cleared by August 22 for one week to allow for thorough cleaning.

Effective August 1, locker and towel service may be renewed for 1975-76, and users may retain their existing lockers, except for the one-week cleaning period.

Rates for the service are under review, Mr. Titterton said. It was \$5 from January 1 to June 2 of this year.

The pool is temporarily closed for maintenance repairs, but it is expected to be ready in about a week.

CENSURE LIFTED

The governing council of the Canadian Association of University Teachers voted at its recent annual meeting to lift its censure of UVic after it was imposed in 1971. Faculty Association head D.F. Henn and past president C.W. Tolman attended.

Convocation 1975





Patricia Hughes



Ethan Laukkonen



Penny Scholey

TOP GRADUATES

Ethan Laukkonen, 19, of Victoria, the youngest among this year's 889 graduates, is also the top student among them.

For being the graduate with the highest academic average, he was awarded UVic's most prestigious award, the Governor-General's Medal, which was presented to him during the convocation ceremony.

The other major awards, the Maxwell Cameron Memorial Medals and Prizes, were presented to Penny Lynne Scholey, 23, of Victoria, and to Patricia J. Hughes, 25, of Victoria. Ms. Scholey achieved the highest standing in general proficiency with a first-class standing in practice teaching in gaining a B.Ed. degree in the secondary programme, and Miss Hughes accomplished the same in the elementary programme.

Mr. Laukkonen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matti Laukkonen, 1955 Townley, entered UVic at the age of 15, majoring in physics and applied mathematics.

He achieved 8.75 out of possible grade point average of 9 in the third and fourth years of his bachelor of science courses.

He plans to enter graduate studies and is considering scholarship offers from the University of Toronto and Queen's University.

Mr. Laukkonen has won a number of other awards, most recently a special science scholarship of \$7,000 from the National Research Council for being one

of the top 50 physics students across Canada.

Ms. Scholey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scholey, of Vernon, is seeking a teaching job in Victoria, and she said within a few years she will likely do graduate studies.

For the summer, she is being employed as a researcher for the Provincial Department of Education's special advisory committee on sex discrimination in public education.

She has also drawn previous awards, including the IBM Thomas J. Watson Memorial Bursary of \$1,000 for high academic performance.

Miss Hughes, the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Olsen, 4105 Glenford Avenue, is applying for a teaching post elsewhere in Canada.

She interrupted her five years of study at UVic to be a missionary for the Mormon Church in 1971-73 in Taiwan, where she learned to speak Mandarin. She can also speak French.

Among her most recent awards is the \$300 President's Scholarship.

A FAVORABLE START

Dr. Alfred Fischer, 43, dean designate for the Faculty of Arts and Science, says he is coming into office during a favorable period in UVic's short and often troubled history.

He officially becomes dean on July 1, succeeding Professor J.-P. Vinay, who is retiring.

"I think the faculty has a healthy atmosphere now, and I guess I am much more fortunate than Jean-Paul Vinay was when he came into office," Dr. Fischer said.

"There had been a heavy period which



DR. ALFRED FISCHER
... "healthy atmosphere"

he has done his part in dissipating. I believe the troubles of the past are now firmly behind us."

Dr. Fischer, who was Dean Vinay's associate dean, said his first major change will be to have an associate who will have direct responsibility for the humanities departments.

He has recommended Dr. John Woods, 38, acting chairman of the Department of Philosophy, for this job.

But before the recommendation goes before the Board of Governors, Dr. Fischer is polling the members of the faculty on whether they approve. Deadline for return of the ballots is June 11.

This polling method was introduced by President Petch this year for major appointments, and Dr. Fischer himself was strongly backed (76.6 per cent in favor) in a ballot.

Dr. Fischer, who is a member of the Chemistry Department, will oversee the physical and social sciences, but he added that he plans to have another associate dean responsible for the social sciences.

In the coming year, he said he will be closely watching the progress of the recently-introduced programmes of Pacific Studies and Environmental Studies, and the operations of some of the small departments.

The two new programmes are at the phase where "they will either fly under their own power or not."

The problem with some small departments is of whether they should expand in the hope of drawing more students, or aim at more restrictive offerings.

Dean Fischer said the faculty is prepared for a five to 10 per cent increase in enrolment next fall following a similar record jump in student population last fall.

Dr. Woods came to UVic in 1971 as an associate professor after being a visiting professor at Stanford University and an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto. He became a full professor with tenure in 1972, and became chairman of the Department of Philosophy in 1974.

He gained his B.A. and M.A. in philosophy from the University of Toronto in 1958 and 1959, and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1965.

His publications and papers number more than 75.

BAMFIELD HEAD NAMED

Dr. John E. McInerney (Biology) has been appointed the first director of the Bamfield Marine Station by the Western Canadian Universities Marine Biological Society.

Dr. D.M. Ross, WCUMBS president, said Dr. McInerney was chosen after a selection committee conducted an extensive search on a world-wide basis

over nine months.

Dr. McInerney will take leave from UVic and reside at the station with his family until his term expires June 30, 1978.

WCUMBS, which consists of the universities of Victoria, British Columbia, Simon Fraser, Calgary and Alberta, began to operate the station in 1972.

Since that time, the station has been under acting academic directors, last year's being Dr. Louis Drehl of SFU. The station manager, Philip Rhynas, was hired in 1973.

Dr. McInerney, a fish biologist, said that under his directorship activities during the winter months will be increased, especially in the area of faculty research.

"Of course, during the summer the place is bursting at the seams," he said.

This summer there are two two-month sessions with 40 students each, not to mention 12 research projects taking up housing and laboratory space. Then there is UVic's Environmental Marine Biology course for non-biologist professionals scheduled between August 17 and September 6.

During the winter, the station is used by graduate students, and increasingly by classes from universities, community colleges and high schools on field trips of one to five days.

Halifax-born, Dr. McInerney gained his M.Sc. and Ph.D. from UBC. An associate professor at UVic, he was previously an assistant professor at Dalhousie University and has held visiting appointments at the Nanaimo Biological Station and at the University of the South Pacific Suva, Fiji.

His scientific papers include physiological and behavioral studies on salmon, hagfish, sticklebacks and rockfish.

Dr. McInerney will be an ex officio non-voting member of the Management Council of WCUMBS.



This photo of the lunar eclipse which began the night of May 24 was taken by Sylvia Alers, a research assistant with the astronomy group, Department of Physics, through a telescope on the roof of the Elliott Building. The photo was taken at 12:28 a.m. on May 25 towards the end of the eclipse. Dr. J.B. Tatum (Physics) notes that the next total eclipse for Victoria will be on September 6, 1979.

FACULTY NEWS

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Robert N. O'Brien attended the recent annual meeting of the B.C. Research Council in Vancouver. He also attended, as UVic's representative, the meetings of the Board of Management of B.C. Research Council, and the Committee on Organization and Personnel.

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